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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. QUITO

EFFORTS TO GENERATE THE TWO THIRDS MAJORITY NECESSARY TO "REPEAL" THE CUBA SANCTIONS COLLAPSED NOVEMBER 11, AND THE SIX "ABSTAINERS" HAVE NOW DRAFTED A TENTATIVE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD SUSPEND THE MEETING AND ESTABLISH A SEVEN PERSON COMMITTEE TO:

--CONTINUE EXAMINATION OF THE SANCTIONS PROBLEM;

--RECOMMEND, ON THE BASIS OF THIS EXAMINATION AND ANY OTHER "NEW FACTORS", RECONVENING THE MFN.

THE SPONSORS OF THE "REPEAL" RESOLUTION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY INSIST ON A VOTE, HOWEVER, IF ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF OAS MEMBERS FAVOR LIFTING THE SANCTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) QUITO 7673 AND 7674 (EXDIS), 11/12.

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2. BOLIVIA

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EMBASSY LA PAZ REPORTS THAT THE BANZER REGIME IS WELL
ENTRENCHED FOR NOW AND LIKELY TO SURVIVE WELL INTO 1975.
WORKING IN FAVOR OF THE REGIME IN THE SHORT RUN IS:

--THE PUBLIC'S LOW OPINION OF POLITICIANS;

--THE BELIEF THAT ECONOMIC TAKEOFF IS IMMINENT -- AND
THAT POLITICAL INSTABILITY WOULD JEOPARDIZE IT.

--THE LACK OF A LEADER TO RALLY THE OPPOSITION.
(CONFIDENTIAL) LA PAZ, 7347, 11/11.

3. USSR-PLO

SOVIET VICE-MINISTER ZEMSKOV IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE
SEVERAL INTERESTING COMMENTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO
PARIS:

--IF THE ARABS, IN ADVANCING THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO
RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, SHOULD ENDANGER ISRAEL'S
RIGHT TO EXIST, THE USSR WOULD HAVE TO REEXAMINE ITS
POSITION.

--SOVIET POLICY TOWARD A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-
EXILE WOULD DEPEND ON A STUDY OF THAT GOVERNMENT'S
PROGRAM. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 14735 (LIMDIS), 11/11.

4. US-PORTUGAL

ACCORDING TO LISBON PRESS REPORTS, FORMER FRG CHANCEL-
LOR WILLY BRANDT WAS ASSURED BY CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED US
"AUTHORITIES" THAT THE US WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN PORTUGAL
"A LA CHILE" EXCEPT IN "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES."
(UNCLASSIFIED) LISBON 4878, 11/11. KISSINGER

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